

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 14, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the November 30th meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

The bi-monthly claims were submitted by Auditor Mary Ann Beard. Mark Bacon moved to sign the claim docket. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marvin Rees commented on the last pay for Rhea Dawn Buckley. Attorney Leigh Morning stated that Buckley should be notified in writing that cashing the check will verify that the payroll claim is accurate. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the payroll to include the letter to Ms. Buckley. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

Gracie Marlatt reported that Kristi Amos resigned after 10 years of service. Marlatt has been appointed by Purdue in the interim. An extension agent should be replaced by March.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey presented her monthly report stating that collections increased by \$115,269.01 from last year.

IT

IT Director Randy Herbert presented a contract for a maintenance agreement with Net Noggin. The currently used semantic in-point anti-virus will no longer be needed. The cost of the new contract is \$11,562. Mark Bacon moved to allow the new contract. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECORDER

Recorder Kevin Spilman asked that a maintenance agreement with CSI be approved along with a 5 year lease agreement that would allow his office to take credit card payments. Mark Bacon moved to sign both contracts. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY BIDS

The bids advertised by Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton were opened at 9:30. Fuel-Mark Bacon moved to accept the fuel bid from Harvest Land Co-op. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Liquid Asphalt-there was a question on the bid from Terry Industries which had the wrong county name on the document. It was confirmed that it was a type-o and the bid was correct.

Sitton recommended that Asphalt Materials bid be accepted although they were not the lowest bid in all categories. Commissioner Bacon moved to accept the Asphalt Materials bid. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the action. Motion carried.

Crushed Gravel-Paul Wilkinson moved to accept all bids by geographic area. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Likewise the Stone bids were also accepted by location on a motion by Mark Bacon and Paul Wilkinson seconded that action. Action carried.

SPILLMAN UPDATE

The emergency software contract with Spillman is in need of an update. Ron Jarman explained that the cost could be shared by many departments. The Sheriff and Rushville City Police will contribute \$13,000 each. The Prosecutor and Community Corrections will pay \$2,000 each; and 911 fund will account for \$36,278. Mark Bacon moved to accept the upgrade and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Anti-Nepotism

Auditor Beard presented the required forms proclaiming that no family member has been hired by an elected official or office supervisor and that no contracts have been signed with a relative. Mark Bacon moved to accept the proclamations with Paul Wilkinson offered a second. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

-Auditor Mary Ann Beard stated that the Farm Contract has been advertised for January 11th.

-Beard presented three quotes for blinds or shades for the Assembly Room. Mark Bacon moved to accept the bid for mini blinds from Decorating Den at the cost of \$11,088.

Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-EMS reports were submitted by Raleigh, Carthage and Rush Memorial Hospital.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported 484 active warrants and 35 inmates housed in the jail and 1 at the hospital. There were no new burglaries or sex offenses reported this week but 5 new fraud offenses were reported.

There were no bids received for gasoline for the Sheriff's Department. Cowan asked if gas could be contracted or was there a need to re-advertise.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented his monthly report. Sitton reported that his department is financially stable with the Cumulative Bridge Fund slightly increased. Sitton stated that Rush County had a contract with Henry County on the bridge on 1000N but has yet to receive the bill.

A change that requires all bridges rated 4 or under to be inspected will cause and increase of \$37,000 for the additional 26 bridges to be inspected. The amount will be the county's 20% match required for bridge inspection. Motion to approve was received by Paul Wilkinson and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road funding is a priority for the 2016 State Legislature. One proposal is that counties will receive their CAGIT funds being held in escrow to alleviate local road issues. This would amount to \$900,000 for Rush County.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Leigh Morning presented the contracts for the Veteran Service Officer, the Prosecutor's Investigator, a Township Assessor, and the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the 4 individual contracts. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Capital Improvement Plan for 2016 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Mark Bacon with Commissioner Wilkinson offering a second. Motion carried.

The Commissioners received contracts for 4 EMS providers in the following amounts: Raleigh \$50,000; Anderson Township \$40,000; Carthage \$40,000; and Rush Memorial Hospital \$335,000. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the proposed contracts and Mark Bacon offered the second. Motion carried.

2016 APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made for the calendar year 2016:
Alcoholic Beverage Board-Michael Daubenspeck.

Motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.
Attorney- Leigh Morning.

Motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.
Lawn Care Service-N&S.

Motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
911 Board-Ron Jarman.

Motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.
Highway Superintendent-Jerry Sitton.

Motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
EMA Director-Chuck Kemker.

Motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.
Rush Memorial Hospital Board-Marvin Cole.

Motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
ICAP-Paul Wilkinson.

Motion by Bruce Levi and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
Workforce Investment Board, APC Governing Board-Bruce Levi.

Motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

Area Plan Commission-Mark Bacon

Motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

The Commissioners received a letter of resignation from Mike Holzback from the APC and BZA boards effective after the respective December meetings. Mark Bacon moved to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.

A ten minutes recess was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Bruce Levi. The meeting was reconvened at 11:25.

The Commissioners received several applications for the one year vacancy for the APC and the BZA and the four year appointment to the APC.

Paul Wilkinson moved to table the decision until the meeting on December 28th with an executive session scheduled for December 21st to interview candidates starting at 8:00a.m.

Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No applications were received for the Fiber Board and Courthouse Custodial Service.

INMATE MEDICAID CONTRACT

Attorney Morning is waiting for the State contract on Medicaid coverage for jail inmates. The initiation of the program is the responsibility of the Commissioners. Rush Memorial Hospital has been most accommodating in assisting with the implementation of the Navigator.

QPH

An estimate was received from QPH to repair the damper controls at a cost of \$655. Commissioner Wilkinson moved to allow the repair. Mark Bacon seconded the action. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was received by Mark Bacon with Paul Wilkinson offering a second.

Bruce Levi, Chairman

Mark Bacon

Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

Mary Ann Beard, Auditor